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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/HR
THRU : Ch/C
FROM : Ch/D/E
SUBJECT : Survey of Committees within Government

The following statement is furnished in response to your request of 3 May 1955 addressed to D/E. Information on the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee is provided in accordance with the format attached to the memorandum of 27 April from

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FORMAT FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING DEPARTMENTAL,
INTERDEPARTMENTAL AND PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES

NAME: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC)

1. Date Established: 25 July 1952 as Intelligence Working Group;
name changed to Economic Defense Intelligence Committee on
26 October 1954.
2. Method of Establishment: Established at request of the Director of
Mutual Security (now Director, FOA) and the Secretary of State,
and with the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and
the Secretary of Defense. Establishment approved by Intelligence
Advisory Committee.
3. Terms of Reference: IAC-D-53/1 of 25 July 1952; revised by
IAC-D-53/3.1 of 25 February 1953.
4. Membership: See attachment.
5. Standing: Standing Committee.
6. Title of the Officer whom the Committee advises or to whom it reports:
Advises: Chairman, Executive Committee, Economic Defense Advisory
Committee
Reports to: Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee
(Director, Central Intelligence Agency) through Secretary, IAC

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7. Staff Arrangements: Executive Secretary - [REDACTED]

staff consists of one GS-5 clerk-typist who has additional clerical assignments; staff facilities provided by Central Intelligence Agency (Economic Defense Division, Office of Research and Reports).

8. Number of Meetings of the Committee itself January 1, 1954 - March 31, 1955:

19

9. Subcommittees:

- a) Subgroup on "Intelligence on Trade in Decontrolled Commodities"; meets occasionally; responsible for developing intelligence techniques to trace the movement to the Soviet bloc of those commodities decontrolled by COCOM action of 16 August 1954.
- b) Subgroup on EDIC Functions and Operations; organized 28 April - has not yet met; responsible for evaluating EDIC accomplishments and shortcomings under its Terms of Reference, and for recommending measures by which EDIC can make an even greater contribution to the economic defense program through more active participation in the programming of intelligence research and the production of coordinated intelligence.

Sixteen subgroups have been established on an ad hoc basis to deal with specific economic defense intelligence problems which have arisen from time to time. Examples were: East-West Trade Collection Requirements; Soviet Electronics; and, Current Intelligence. These several subgroups were dissolved upon completion of their assigned task and the following are now active:

10. Comments:

a) On contributions of Committee - The Sixth Progress Report of the National Security Council states in part that the Intelligence Working Group (now EDIC) "has provided closer working relationships between the intelligence agencies, on one hand, and the policy and operating sections, on the other...and is improving intelligence support of economic defense policy and operations."

IAC-M-171, 5 October 1954 contains the statement (with reference to IAC review of the Second Annual Progress Report of the IWG) "that both Mr. Stassen and Admiral Delaney had expressed appreciation for the support given EDAC by the intelligence community through the IWG (now EDIC)"

Memorandum of 16 November 1953 from Acting Chairman Executive Committee, EDAC to Chairman, IWG (referring to the First Annual Progress Report of the IWG) states in part that "the extensive lists of IWG cases and intelligence contributions reflect the high value of the IWG to the EDAC operation."

b) On improvement of operations - EDIC could operate more effectively if both action and intelligence elements of the economic defense community would follow agreed procedures in the production and coordination of intelligence for EDAC. There has been a tendency on the part of both elements to bypass the EDIC channel in matters of intelligence production which was of common concern to all EDIC member agencies.